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Attorney Docket No.

026187.49785

First Inventor

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Title

TRAILER ASSISTANCE APPARATUS AND METHOD OF USE

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See 37 CFR 1.27.3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages **9**]  
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1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

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Computer Program (Appendix)8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
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11	-20** =	0	X			0.00
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1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204	84	2204	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
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1053	130	1053	130	Non - English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
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1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
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1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
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Dear Sir:

The following documents for the above-captioned application are enclosed herewith:

1. Utility Patent Application Transmittal;
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Respectfully Submitted,

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